

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. A method of constructing jump cups for agility competitions, a jump bar being supported by said cups and the cups being supported by jump standards, said cups being made of metallic round stock, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) bending the metallic round stock into a substantially arcuate shape, an inner diameter of the arc being substantially equal to a diameter of the bar; and
- 10 (b) operably attaching said arcuate shaped round stock to the standards such that the arc lies in a substantially vertical plane and is spaced away from the standard.

15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said arcuate shaped metallic round stock is operably attached to a support that is held substantially horizontal when operably attached to the standard.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein two supports are formed by bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape.

20 4. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the steps of:

- 25 (a) arranging two additional lengths of metallic round stock parallel to one another;
- (b) operably attaching a plurality of the jump cups to the two lengths of metallic round stock, spacing them a predetermined distance apart to make an assembly of jump cups; and
- (c) operably attaching said assembly of jump cups to the standard.

5. The method of claim 4 additionally comprising the steps of:

- (a) bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape to form two supports lying in a substantially horizontal plane when operably attached to the standard;
- (b) forming attachment sections by bending each of the two metallic round stock supports in a direction parallel to the two additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock; and
- (c) operably affixing the attachment sections to the additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock.

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6. The method of claim 4 wherein a plurality of said assemblies of jump cups are operably joined to produce a jump cup frame.

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7. A jump cup for agility tests, a jump comprising at least two jump standards, a jump bar and at least two jump cups, said jump cup comprising:

- (a) a section of metallic round stock bent into an arcuate shape, an inner diameter of the arc being substantially equal a diameter of the jump bar; and
- (b) means for attaching said arcuate shaped metallic round stock to a jump standard such that the arc lies in a substantially vertical plane and is spaced away from the jump standard.

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8. The jump cup of claim 7, additionally comprising a support that is held substantially horizontal when operably attached to the standard, the arcuate shaped metallic round stock being operably attached to said support.

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9. The jump cup of claim 8 wherein the support comprises two supports that are formed by bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape.

5 **10.** The jump cup of claim **7** additionally comprising:

- (a) two additional lengths of metallic round stock arranged parallel to one another to which are attached a plurality of the jump cups, spaced a predetermined distance apart to make an assembly of jump cups; and
- (c) straps for attaching said assembly of jump cups to the standard.

10 **11.** The jump cup of claim **10** additionally comprising:

- (a) supports formed by bending the metallic round stock at each end of the arcuate shape, said supports lying in a substantially horizontal plane when operably attached to the standard;
- (b) attachment sections formed by bending each of the two metallic round stock supports in a direction parallel to the two additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock; and
- (c) welds for affixing the attachment sections to the additional, parallel lengths of metallic round stock.

15 **12.** The jump cup of claim **10** wherein a plurality of said assemblies of jump cups are operably joined to produce a jump cup frame.

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13. The jump cup of claim **7** wherein the metallic round stock is wire.

14. The jump cup of claim **7** wherein the metallic round stock is rod stock.

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15. The jump cup of claim **10** wherein the metallic round stock is wire.

16. The jump cup of claim **10** wherein the metallic round stock is rod stock.

17. The jump cup of claim **7** wherein the metallic round stock is powder coated.

18. The jump cup of claim 7 wherein the metallic round stock is stainless steel.